

“Shirley Temple Day in New Castle” program at the New Castle Court House Museum on July 26, 2015

(DOVER, Del.—July 16, 2015)—On Sunday, July 26, 2015 at 2 p.m., the [New Castle Court House Museum](#), located at 211 Delaware St. in New Castle, Del., will present “Hollywood History at the Court House: ‘Shirley Temple Day in New Castle,’ ” a program that will explore child actress [Shirley Temple’s](#) July 2, 1938 visit to New Castle where she ate lunch in the Court House Tea Room. It was a banner day for the city with over 300 people coming to town to catch a glimpse of “America’s Little Sweetheart.” The program will include a screening of Temple’s 1934 film “[Bright Eyes](#)” which focuses on the relationship between a bachelor aviator and his orphaned godchild. The film features Temple performing the song “On the Good Ship Lollipop.”



Promotional poster for

the 1934 film, “Bright Eyes.”

Admission to the program is free and open to the public but, due to space restrictions, reservations are recommended by calling 302-323-4453. The museum will also open for visitation from 1:30–4:30 p.m.

One of the oldest and most historic courthouses in the United States, the New Castle Court House (main section built in 1732) served as Delaware’s first court and state capitol. Here in 1776, New Castle, Kent and Sussex counties declared their independence from Pennsylvania and England creating the Delaware State. The museum features tours and exhibits that illustrate Delaware’s unique boundaries, law and government and the Underground Railroad.



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In addition to the “Shirley Temple Day in New Castle” program, the museum is currently featuring the exhibit “[Emeline Hawkins: Her Journey From Slavery to Freedom on the Underground Railroad](#)” which chronicles the compelling story of Emeline Hawkins and her family, and their 1845 odyssey on the Underground Railroad from slavery in Maryland, through Delaware to freedom in Pennsylvania; and [Sculpture by Charles Parks](#), a display of works by the noted Wilmington artist

featuring historical and political figures including a Minute Man, and presidents Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and George W. Bush.

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